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DATED 7 OCTOBER 1955

S/W MESSAGE NO. 21 FROM "ARTUR" (AGENT DISPATCHED IN MAY 1954.)

I AM WRITING OUT OF TURN, BECAUSE A FEW DAYS AGO I WAS ACCOSTED BY "PETER" (A LEGAL RESIDENT WHOM I RECRUITED IN AUGUST 1954) ON A STREET IN RIGA. HE WAS SO MUCH SURPRISED TO SEE ME THAT HE FORGOT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND TOLD ME HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER SAYING I WAS ALREADY IN YOUR COUNTRY. I GOT AWAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, SAYING THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT SINCE I COULD HAVE POSSIBLY COME BACK A SECOND TIME. FOR THE TIME BEING THIS SHOULD SAVE YOUR HONOR. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD FIRST OF ALL CONFIRM THE TRUTH OF MY WORDS TO "PETER". SECONDLY, I MUST REPROACH YOU THAT YOU DID NOT INFORM ME OF MY BEING INVOLVED IN YOUR SUPERFICIAL COVER STORIES. THIRDLY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW MUCH JUSTIFICATION THERE WAS IN YOUR WARNINGS OF LAST YEAR REGARDING "PETER". WAS THAT JUST A FABRICATION TO SEPARATE US FROM ONE ANOTHER, OR WAS THERE A FOUNDATION OF TRUTH IN YOUR STATEMENT. THE FACT IS THAT AFTER THIS MEETING IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MAKE A SATISFACTORY CHECK OF BEING "CLEAN" IN RELATION TO A THIRD PERSON, WHOM I HAVE BEEN USING PERSONALLY - NOT OPERATIONALLY. THIS PERSON IS NECESSARY TO ME, BECAUSE OF MY DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION. DON'T WORRY, I CAN STILL LAST A SHORT TIME, AT LEAST A MONTH, WHILE THERE IS HOPE FOR YOUR OPERATION. DESPITE ALMOST MAXIMUM SECURITY I HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RUNNING INTO UNDESIRABLE PERSONS, THE MEETING WITH "PETER" WAS NOT THE ONLY INCIDENT. THIS ONLY PROVES ALL THE MORE THAT LOGICAL THINKING AND MY FEELINGS WERE RIGHT. I DARE NOT REMAIN ANY LONGER IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. TIME IS WORKING STRONGLY AGAINST ME. I SHOULD DEFINITELY CHANGE MY RESIDENCE AND MY PERSONAL CONTACTS THIS FALL,

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OR I MUST GET OUT OF HERE. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE HAS TO BE DROPPED BECAUSE OF MY FINANCIAL SITUATION AND BESIDES THE RISK IS SIMILAR TO THAT IN A NEW OPERATION, WHICH I NO LONGER HAVE THE STRENGTH TO COPE WITH. THEREFORE THE ONLY WAY OUT IS AN IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE FROM THIS COUNTRY, IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW. I WOULD RATHER FACE THE DANGER INVOLVED THAN WAIT FOR THE INEVITABLE END HERE. ABOVE ALL I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DEFINITELY REPEAT THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT AIR INFILTRATION THIS FALL. THE WEATHER IS STILL GOOD, OCCASIONALLY THERE IS LIGHT RAIN WHICH DOES NOT YET DAMAGE THE LA. BESIDES THE ROUTE IS NOW FAMILIAR TO YOU AND THE PILOT AND IT SHOULD BE EASIER TO REPEAT A SECOND TIME. YOU KNOW THAT MY FEELINGS SELDOM DECEIVE ME AND I NOW FEEL THAT I AM FACED WITH THE FOLLOWING: EITHER THIS FALL OR NEVER. IN THIS CONNECTION I BEG YOU TO TAKE MY PREVIOUS MESSAGE VERY SERIOUSLY. INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY OF THE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AND YOUR PRESENT POSSIBILITIES TO HELP ME.

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